

## Message Text

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R 290700Z SEP 75  
FM AMEMBASSY JIDDA  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2526  
INFO AMCONSUL DHAHRAN

UNCLAS JIDDA 6636

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: AFS; AFIN; AFSP

SUBJECT: ARABIC LANGUAGE TRAINING

1. EMBASSY IS IN RECEIPT OF ADVICE OF ALLOTMENT #3470 DATED AUGUST 15, 1975. THIS MESSAGE ASSIGNS \$500 AS LANGUAGE TRAINING ALLOWANCE IN-COUNTRY. IN THE PAST, PROBLEM IN IN SAUDI ARABIA WAS SECURING GOOD INSTRUCTOR. ALLOTMENTS REGULARLY WENT UNUSED BECAUSE OF INABILITY TO HIRE TEACHER. THEREFORE ALLOTMENT WAS REDUCED FROM FY1974 TOTAL OF \$2189 TO FY1976 TOTAL OF \$500. BOTH EMBASSY AND CONSULATE DHAHRAN HAVE RECENTLY FOUND PROSPECTIVE INSTRUCTORS, BUT, CONVERSELY, FIND THAT ALLOTMENT HAS NOW SHRUNK TO POINT WHERE EMBASSY HESITATES TO START PROGRAM WHOSE FUNDING WILL RUN OUT IN ESTIMATED THIRTEEN WEEKS. THIS ESTIMATE DOES NOT TAKE INTO ACCOUNT FUNDING OF DHAHRAN PROGRAM.

2. EMBASSY REQUESTS INCREASE IN ANNUAL ALLOTMENT TO LEVEL WHERE REGULAR LANGUAGE PROGRAM FOR JIDDA & DHAHRAN CAN BE PLANNED AND IMPLEMENTED FOR FISCAL YEAR 1976. EMBASSY ESTIMATES MINIMUM NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN PROGRAM FOR BOTH EMBASSY & CONSULATE SIX HOURS A WEEK AT BELOW-AVERAGE COMMUNITY WAGES TO INSTRUCTORS TO BE FY ALLOTMENT OF \$2000.00.  
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